

While local jurisdictions are responsible for testing and inspecting all commercial weighing and measuring devices such as scales, gasoline pumps, taxi meters etc., the state assists them in the testing and inspection of vehicle and livestock scales, fuel meters (fuel oil, gasoline and L.P. gas) and packaged consumer goods.

Throughout the year, the State conducts ongoing schools and seminars for local officials providing them with pertinent information on all facets of this ever changing technical field.

Other programs under the direction of the State Weights and Measures Office include the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) and the Voluntary Registration of Service Persons and Agencies Program (VRSPA).

As a participating NTEP laboratory certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Ohio evaluates weighing devices to be used for commercial use prior to their final approval by NIST.

Agencies and individuals who install, recondition and repair weighing and measuring devices may apply for registration through the State's VRSPA Program. Participants must meet prescribed requirements and successfully complete a state examination before being registered.

The delicate system of weights and measures keeps us all in balance, protecting us in all phases of the economy. From the purveyor of raw materials to the manufacturer, and from the distributor and retailer to the consumer, accurate weights and measures carefully regulate each link in our complex economic chain. Let's all do our share to be informed consumers and work to maintain and support an accurate system of Weights and Measures .